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1. IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY'S REQUEST OF REFTTEL, WE SET UP MEETING FOR HIM WITH AMB HOLANDA CAVALCANTI (SPECIAL ADVISOR FOR BILATERAL AFFAIRS TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA). FINDLEY DESCRIBED BRIEFLY CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS ON PROLIFERATION PROBLEM AND HIS CONVERSATION WITH CASTRO MADERO AND THEN FLOATED HIS IDEA OF MUTUAL BILATERAL FULL-SCOPE INSPECTION PROGRAM BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL (WITH IAEA ASSISTANCE) -- IF NOT TO SATISFY THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT EACH OTHER, AT LEAST TO ALLEVIATE CONCERNS OF US AND CANADA OVER THEIR PROGRAMS.

2. CAVALCANTI RESPONDED THAT GOB DID NOT SHARE US/CANADIAN CONCERN OVER ARGENTINE NUCLEAR PROGRAM BUT THAT IF GOA WERE INTERESTED IN MUTUAL INSPECTION IDEA, ITS FIRST STEP SHOULD BE TO RATIFY TLATELOLCO TREATY. HE INTERJECTED THAT THERE IS NO ISSUES BETWEEN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA THAT ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE OR THAT WOULD
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JUSTIFY IMPLICIT SUSPICIONS INHERENT IN BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT. CAVALCANTI WENT ON TO PRAISE TLATELOLCO TREATY FOR IST STRENGTH AND APTNESS TO REGIONAL NEEDS, SAYING THAT GOB IS "BEHAVING AS IF GOVERNED BY TREATY" UNTIL IT COMES INTO LEGAL FORCE FOR BRAZIL WHEN ITS CONDITIONS ARE FULLFILLED. HE CALLED BRAZIL "MOST SAFEGUARD COUNTRY IN WORLD" BETWEEN TLATELOLCO AND

SAFEGUARDS IN PERPETUITY ON TRANSFERRED TECHNOLOGY UNDER BRAZIL/FRG/IAEA TRILATERAL, IN CONTRAST TO REQUIREMENT FOR THREE-MONTHS' NOTICE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NPT MEMBER.

3. CONGRESSMAN JOHN MYERS, WHO ALSO ATTENDED MEETING, RAISED QUESTION OF NUCLEAR SUPPLY IN RELATION TO PROLIFERATION PROBLEMS. THIS STIMULATED SHORT DISCUSSION OF HISTORY OF BRAZIL'S DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL AND OF GOB DETERMINATION THAT INTRODUCTION OF NEW ENERGY SOURCE (NUCLEAR) TO FILL GAP OF DECLINING EXPLOITABLE HYDROELECTRIC RESOURCES SHOULD NOT INTRODUCE NEW FOREIGN FUEL DEPENDENCE. CAVALCANTI SAID GOB HAD SOUGHT TO OBTAIN ITS NUCLEAR GOALS FIRST WITH US AND THEN FRANCE, BEFORE TURNING TO FRG. IN RESPONSE, TO MYERS QUERY ABOUT EFFECT OF EARLIER FUEL SHORTAGE, CAVALCANTI CITED CONDITIOANL FUEL CONTRACTS FOR ANGRA II AND III AS SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN GOB ATTITUDE TOWARD FULL FUEL-CYCLE CAPABILITY.

4. COMMENT. IN DISCUSSION OF TLATELOLCO TREATY, CAVALCANTI OMITTED MENTION OF GOB RESERVATIONS IN REGARD TO PNE DEVELOPMENT TESTING OR THAT "BEHAVING AS IF GOVERNED BY TREATY" DOES NOT INCLUDE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS CONTROL SYSTEM OF TREATY. FINDLEY AND MYERS DEPARTED BRASILIA SHORTLY AFTER MEETING
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WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY FOR CLARIFYING DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS. FINDLEY WAS ALERTED, HOWEVER, TO THE FACT THAT THE TREATY IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED SATISFACTORILY BY BRAZIL. STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT OFFICER CURTISS CUTTER FROM H AGREED TO PROVIDE FINDLEY WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON LATTER POINT UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON.
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